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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Home & Community Based Waiver Providers

From: Developmental Disabilities Division

Subject: Medication Assistant Training.

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Due to federally mandated changes regarding requirements within the Adult Developmental Disabilities (DD) and Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) waivers, the Division is currently engaged in the process of implementing state standards and policies concerning Medication Assistance. Foremost among these changes is the requirement that all current and new providers who elect to continue to provide assistance to participants with medication shall be required to complete a Division developed Medication Assistant course by December 31, 2009.

Training opportunities for the medication assistance course will be offered by the Division at several locations statewide during the next six months. These trainings will be approximately six hours in length and will encompass basic education regarding safe techniques of medication assistance, a medication side-effects overview, documentation of assistance, and various other medication assistance related topics.

The Division will also offer training for qualified individuals to become trainers to assist others within their organization or geographic area to become Division Approved Medication Assistants. This training will include an additional two hours of "train-the-trainer" education beyond the basic medication assistance course. Both the six-hour and eight-hour course will be offered free of charge.

CLASSES ARE LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS, so please register early. If the class is full and there are still several providers that need to receive the medication assistant training in a certain region, the Division will offer more than one class.

It is highly suggested that provider organizations with more than 20 employees, have at least one staff person attend the "Train the Trainer" portion of the training to become a Trainer. If there are organizations that employ more than 20 staff and plan to have several staff take the six-hour course, the Division is willing to provide a separate training session for the organization. If you are interested in this option, please contact Dawn at dawn.wright@health.wyo.gov or Paul at paul.delap@health.wyo.gov to arrange a date and time.

Please contact Terry Walling at terry.walling@health.wyo.gov or (800) 510-0280 if you have questions regarding the information in this memorandum.

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